

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 132, "Emergency Medical Service—Service Program Authorization," Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 132 describe the standards for the authorization of EMS services. These proposed amendments clarify definitions for air medical services, describe requirements for driver training and require that service providers notify the Department when employees are terminated for certain reasons.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before October 14, 2008. Such written comments should be directed to Kirk Schmitt, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to kschmitt@idph.state.ia.us.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147A.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **641—132.1(147A)**, "Rotorcraft ambulance," as follows:

"Rotorcraft ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned rotorcraft specifically designed, modified, constructed, equipped, staffed and ~~used regularly~~ FAA-approved to transport the sick, injured or otherwise incapacitated who are in need of out-of-hospital emergency medical care or whose condition requires treatment or continuous observation ~~while being transported~~ during transport.

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new "Fixed-wing aircraft" in rule **641—132.1(147A)**:

"Fixed-wing aircraft" means any privately or publicly owned propeller-driven or jet airplane specifically designed, modified, constructed, equipped, staffed and FAA-approved to transport the sick, injured or otherwise incapacitated who are in need of out-of-hospital emergency medical care or whose condition requires treatment or continuous observation during transport.

ITEM 3. Amend subparagraph **132.8(1)"c"(2)** as follows:

(2) One currently licensed driver. The service shall document each driver's training in CPR (AED training not required), in emergency driving techniques and in the use of the service's communications equipment. Training in emergency driving techniques shall include:

1. Review of Iowa laws regarding emergency vehicle operations.
2. A review of the service program's driving policy for first response vehicles, ambulances, rescue vehicles or personal vehicles of an emergency medical care provider responding as a member of the service. The policy shall include, as a minimum:

- Frequency and content of driver's training requirements.
- Criteria for response with lights or sirens or both.
- Speed limits when responding with lights or sirens or both.
- Procedure of approaching intersections with lights or sirens or both.
- Notification process in the event of a motor vehicle collision involving a first response vehicle, ambulance, rescue vehicle or personal vehicle of an emergency medical care provider responding as a member of the service.

3. Behind-the-wheel driving of the service's first response vehicles, ambulances and rescue vehicles.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** paragraph **132.8(6)“c”**:

c. A service program must report the termination of an emergency medical care provider due to negligence, professional incompetency, unethical conduct or substance use to the department within ten days following the termination.